The first phase of World Bank Project will be over by 31st March, 2000. The second phase proposal is being prepared for a period of three years for reaching the target elimination level and consolidating the achievements made so far.

Control of Encephalitis

1743. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Encephalitis has hit Andhra Pradesh recently; if so, the details in this regard; and

(b) what steps the Central Government have taken to wipe out recurrence of this deadly disease from the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) As per reports received from the State Health Authorities, 873 cases with 178 deaths (Provisional) have been reported till November, 1999 due to suspected Japanese Encephalitis (JE).

(b) The steps taken for control of JE are:—

* Early diagnosis and proper management of cases;
* Vector control by insecticidal spray/fogging in identified areas;
* Vaccination of identified Japanese Encephalitis-prone groups;
* Regular monitoring of epidemiological trends, investigations and training;
* Information Education Communication activities to ensure early reporting and adopting of preventive measures.

Japanese Encephalitis in Andhra Pradesh

1744. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that more than 133 deaths occurred due to the dreadly Japanese encephalitis in Kurnool, Anantpur, Mahabubnagar and Prakasam districts of Andhra Pradesh;